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MEMO TO: Tim Little, PE, Chief Engineer
FROM: R. W. Lewis, PE, Chief Operating Officer
SUBJECT: Preliminary Engineering Project Suspension List

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Robert W. Lewis

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NCDOT has implemented additional measures in a continued effort to maintain the minimum cash balance established by law.

Effective immediately, August 30, 2019 NCDOT will temporarily suspend "preliminary engineering" on the majority of projects that do not receive funding from GARVEE bonds, BUILD NC bonds or Federal grants. This action does not impact projects currently awarded for construction, scheduled to be awarded for construction within the next 12 months, or are currently under construction. Work for preliminary engineering on the attached list will suspend approximately 900 transportation projects.

NCDOT is forced to take these steps due to the impact of recovery efforts from Hurricanes Florence and Michael, rockslides, snowstorms and isolated flash floods as well as settlement expenses related to Map Act cases.

NCDOT will strategically resume preliminary engineering on the suspended projects as the Department's cash balance stabilizes. The Department is still committed to the goal of \$375MM in preliminary engineering for FY 2020.

All work performed through August 30, 2019 should be invoiced with no additional preliminary engineering activities charged to projects unless authorized in writing. Requests should be submitted to the Technical Services Division with a carbon copy to Louis Mitchell or John Rouse. Additionally, for projects which will continue with preliminary engineering, NCDOT Project Managers will be required to closely coordinate with their consulting firms (prime and subs) as well as technical units to maintain preliminary engineering monthly budgets recently established.

These efforts will allow the Department to evaluate when we can perform exercises to restart preliminary engineering activities on more projects when the cash balances stabilize.